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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants respectfully bring the following documents cited in the Japanese Office Actions in counterpart foreign applications and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the first page of the listed U.S. Patent is provided. Further, it is noted that U.S. Patent No. 7,042,524 B2, is the U.S. equivalent of Japan Patent Application Publication No. 2002-142132, respectively. Further, English-language abstracts are attached to the references.

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